Remarks

Entry of the above-noted amendments, reconsideration of the application, and allowance of all claims pending are respectfully requested. By this amendment, claims 1, 15, and 20 are amended. These amendments to the claims constitute a bona fide attempt by applicants to advance prosecution of the application and obtain allowance of certain claims, and are in no way meant to acquiesce to the substance of the rejections. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the specification (e.g., page 4, lines 16-25) and thus, no new matter has been added. Claims 1-9 and 12-22 are pending.

Interview on May 21, 2007:

The amendments herein follow a telephone conference between the Examiner and applicants' attorney Carmen B. Patti along with Bradley H. Valenzo, member of technical staff of applicants' attorneys, on May 21, 2007 in which features of Harrison et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,418,216; "Harrison") and Vishwanathan et al. (U.S. Patent App. Pub. No. 2003/0017836; "Vishwanathan"), the specification, and the drawings were discussed. During the telephone conference, positive discussion was had and agreement was reached that:

   a.   Amendments to the claims for clarity would overcome the § 112 rejection
          of claims 1, 15, and 20.

   b.   the Examiner plans to review the applied references for the amended claim
          language.

The time and courtesy afforded applicants' attorney and the member of technical staff of applicants' attorney as well as the positive discussion and above listed agreements reached, are gratefully acknowledged by applicants.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 15, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The amendments to the claims presented herewith clarify the subject matter.

Withdrawal of the § 112 rejection is therefore respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 6-9, and 12-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Harrison et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,418,216; "Harrison") in view of Vishwanathan et al. (U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0017836; "Vishwanathan"), and further in view of Perry (U.S. Patent Appl. Pub. No. 2002/0089938). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harrison in view of Vishwanathan and Perry and further in view of Bales et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,590,127; "Bales").

These rejections are respectfully, but most strenuously, traversed.

Applicants respectfully submit that the Office Action's citations to the applied references, with or without modification or combination, assuming, arguendo, that the modification or combination of the Office Action's citations to the applied references is proper, do not teach or suggest the initial address message comprises the operator services information parameter with the special handling type value that comprises the authorization code, as recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

For explanatory purposes, applicants discuss herein one or more differences between the claimed invention and the Office Action's citations to Harrison, Vishwanathan, Perry, and Bales.

This discussion, however, is in no way meant to acquiesce in any characterization that one or more parts of the Office Action's citations to Harrison, Vishwanathan, Perry, or Bales correspond to the claimed invention.

Harrison discloses (column 5, lines 34-36) that the barge-in processor 15 is external to the switch B. In addition, the switch B is not a mobile switching component, as conceded by the Office Action (page 4, paragraph 6).

Harrison (column 5, line 67 to column 6, line 5) discloses:

> In reply, processor 15 instructs processor 9 to play a recorded IVR announcement asking the caller at C if he or she is seeking barge-in service. If site B is also subscribed to voice mail service the recorded IVR message may also offer the caller the option to transfer to voice mail.

Harrison discloses that the processor 15 asks the caller if he or she is seeking barge-in service. After requesting the barge-in service, the processor 15 directs processor 9 to ask the caller for the authentication code specific to their barge-in subscription (column 6, lines 13-20). Harrison fails to disclose the initial address message comprises the operator services information parameter with the special handling type value that comprises the authorization code.

Accordingly, the Office Action's citation to Harrison fails to satisfy at least one of the limitations recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

Vishwanathan is directed towards a different problem of group call requests. Vishwanathan discloses (paragraph 33):

> With reference to FIG. 3, a system and method is provided for arranging calls among members of a predefined group of mobile telephone users. As described in more detail below, a proxy switch or other device implementing group call logic 1010 detects a group call initiation by a member 1012A of a group 1014 and automatically attempts to connect all of the members 1012A, 1012B, 1012C of the group in a group call. In a specific implementation, communication in the group call is half duplex (i.e., only one member may speak at a time), and the voice traffic

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for the group is carried over an Internet Protocol ("IP") network in
a multicast session.

Vishwanathan discloses a predefined group that is connected upon request from a user.
Vishwanathan fails to disclose the initial address message comprises the operator services
information parameter with the special handling type value that comprises the authorization
code.

Accordingly, the Office Action's citation to Harrison fails to satisfy at least one of the
limitations recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

Perry (paragraph 17) discloses the multi-service controller and multi-service fabric for
distributed multi-party call control (Abstract, lines 1-2). Perry fails to disclose the initial address
message comprises the operator services information parameter with the special handling type
value that comprises the authorization code.

Accordingly, the Office Action's citation to Perry fails to satisfy at least one of the
limitations recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

Bales (column 2, lines 52-67) discloses the switch nodes for the shared line between the
wireless terminal 123 and the communication terminal 107. Bales fails to disclose the initial
address message comprises the operator services information parameter with the special handling
type value that comprises the authorization code.

Accordingly, the Office Action's citation to Bales fails to satisfy at least one of the
limitations recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

The Office Action's citations to Harrison, Vishwanathan, Perry, and Bales all fail to meet
at least one of applicants' claimed features. For example, there is no teaching or suggestion in
the Office Action's citations to Harrison, Vishwanathan, Perry, or Bales of the initial address

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message comprises the operator services information parameter with the special handling type

value that comprises the authorization code, as recited in applicants' independent claim 1.

For all the reasons presented above with reference to claim 1, claims 1, 15, and 20 are

believed neither anticipated nor obvious over the art of record. The corresponding dependent

claims are believed allowable for the same reasons as independent claims 1, 15, and 20, as well

as for their own additional characterizations.

Withdrawal of the § 103 rejections is therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, allowance of all claims pending is

respectfully requested. If a telephone conference would be of assistance in advancing the

prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call applicants' attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
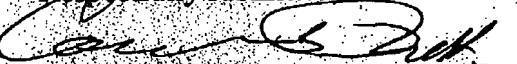
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